



# RAPID RIVER HATCHERY

1990 Chinook Brood Year Report



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#### ABSTRACT

The Rapid River adult trap was in operation from March 29 through September 12, 1990. During this time, 2,606 spring chinook Oncorhynchus tshawytscha were collected. This total was comprised of 2,566 adults and 40 jacks. Incidentally, trapped summer chinook, totaling 137 adults and 1 jack, were released back into Rapid River above the hatchery's water intake structure. Additionally, there were 135 adult steelhead Oncorhynchus mykiss trapped. Of these, 18 were of hatchery origin and 117 were wild. There were no Hells Canyon spring chinook stock transferred to Rapid River Hatchery from the trap below Hells Canyon Dam this year.

Prespawning mortality for Rapid River spring chinook was 12.7% (330 fish). Spawning operations began on August 14 and continued through September 11, 1990. A total of 1,063 females were spawned, who had an average fecundity of 3,967 eggs per female. These fish yielded 4,217,103 green eggs. Survival to eye-up was 92.54%.

Approximately 200,000 excess eyed eggs were transferred to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery on October 10, 1990. Nearly 3,641,000 swim-up fry were moved into eight raceways for early rearing during the period of January 30 to March 4, 1991. Excess fingerlings, numbering 403,400 fish, were transported to Sawtooth Hatchery on June 13, 1991. Approximately 3,185,000 fingerlings were moved into final rearing ponds during the period of May 20 to June 13, 1991. Final rearing culminated in the release of 2,615,500 smolts into Rapid River and 500,500 smolts into the Snake River.

Overall feed conversion for 1990 brood year spring chinook salmon was 1.51. The cost per pound of 1990 brood year fish produced at Rapid River Hatchery was \$4.09 (\$0.186 per smolt released).

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rapid River Hatchery was constructed in 1964 by the Idaho Power Company (IPC) as compensation for losses of spring chinook salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha resulting from the construction of Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon dams on the Snake River. Mitigation, as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, required that IPC transplant the run of spring chinook from the Snake River to the Salmon River drainage and to provide funds for the production of 3 million spring chinook smolts annually. These fish are designated for release into Rapid River and the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam

#### LOCATION

Rapid River Hatchery is located in Idaho County, approximately 7 miles (11.2 km) southwest of the community of Riggins, Idaho, on Rapid River, a tributary of the Little Salmon River. Rapid River Hatchery is staffed and operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and is completely funded by IPC.

#### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Rapid River Hatchery are:

- 1. To produce 3 million spring chinook smolts at an average size of approximately 20 fish per pound (44.1/kg) for release into Rapid River and the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam.
- 2. To trap and spawn adult spring chinook salmon returning to Rapid River.
- 3. To evaluate various strategies and techniques for rearing spring chinook salmon.
- 4. To provide eggs and/or fry for supplementation purposes.

#### FISH REARING/HOLDING FACILITIES

Fish rearing facilities at Rapid River Hatchery consist of 50 double stack Heath incubator trays, 12 outdoor concrete raceways (6 ft x 90 ft), and 2 earthen rearing ponds with concrete side walls: Pond 1AB (84 ft x 199 ft), Pond 2AB (36 ft x 371 ft), and Pond 2CD (36 ft x 371 ft). One concrete adult holding pond (80 ft x 25 ft) and two earthen holding ponds, Adult Pond No. 2 (40 ft x 150 ft), and Adult Pond No. 3 (80 ft x 250 ft) provide space for holding up to 10,000 adult salmon for spawning (Table 1 and 2).

The adult trapping facility, located on Rapid River approximately 1.5 miles  $(2.4~{\rm km})$  downstream from the hatchery, is equipped with a permanent wooden velocity barrier, a three-step fish ladder, and a two-stage trap. Adult salmon are transferred from the trap to a 1,000-gallon tank truck for transport to the hatchery by means of an Alaska Steep Pass ladder and a 500-gallon bucket operated by an overhead hoist.

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Table 1. Rapid River Hatchery production capacity data.

Rearing/Holding Area		Volume	Carrying Capacity
Heath incubators	768	trays	7.7 million eggs
Raceways (12)	1,890	cubic ft	500,000 fry ea.
Rearing Pond No. 1	57,600	cubic ft	1 million smolts
Rearing Pond No. 2	82,000	cubic ft	2 million smolts
Adult Pond No. 1	12,000	cubic ft	1,000 adults
Adult Pond No. 2	24,000	cubic ft	3,000 adults
Adult Pond No. 3	80,000	cubic ft	6,000 adults

Table 2. Rapid River Hatchery rearing/holding area volumes.

Rearing/Holding Area	Volume
Rearing Pond No. 1A Rearing Pond No. 1B Rearing Pond No. 2A Rearing Pond No. 2B Rearing Pond No. 2C Rearing Pond No. 2D Adult Pond No. 1 Adult Pond No. 2 Adult Pond No. 3	28,800 cubic ft 28,800 cubic ft 21,700 cubic ft 19,300 cubic ft 19,300 cubic ft 21,700 cubic ft 12,000 cubic ft 24,000 cubic ft 80,000 cubic ft

#### WATER SUPPLY

From its origin in Adams County, Rapid River flows through a pristine canyon before reaching the hatchery. Under inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Rapid River drainage has not been subject to perturbations, such as logging and road building, and consequently provides an excellent water source for rearing spring chinook. Water quality parameters are listed in Table 3.

Hatchery water is obtained through one 30-inch (76.2~cm) and one 24-inch (61.0~cm) pipeline. A 5-foot (1.5~m) high wooden diversion dam provides the necessary hydraulic head to supply the hatchery with approximately 30~cubic feet per second (cfs) of water. Except for the incubators, all systems operate on gravitational flow. Water for the incubation system is pumped from the headrace by one of two 7.5-horsepower electric pumps. A gasoline-operated backup pump and a filter bed system provide water during electrical failures.

#### STAFFING

The permanent hatchery staff consists of a Hatchery Superintendent III, a Hatchery Superintendent I, and a Fish Culturist. Approximately five seasonal employees are hired each year from February through November. The Summer Youth Employee Training Program also provides one or two employees to assist with grounds maintenance, etc. Housing accommodations include three residences for the permanent staff and a mobile home for the seasonal employees.

#### ADULT COLLECTION

#### Spring Chinook Returns to Rapid River

The adult trapping facility was in operation from March 29 through September 12, 1990. Spring chinook totaling 2,606 (2,566 adults and 40 jacks) were collected between May 7 through August 10, 1990, with the peak of the run occurring June 23-30, 1990.

The sex composition ratio of the run was composed of 1,311 adult males (50.3%), 1,255 females (48.2%), and 40 jacks (1.5%). Age class composition, determined by fork length measurement (Appendix 1), indicated 40 three-year-olds (1.5%), 2,431 four-year-olds (93.3%), and 135 five-year-olds (5.2%).

Spring chinook, including jacks, were given a single subcutaneous injection of water soluble erythromycin phosphate at an average rate of 9 mg active erythromycin per kilogram of fish. Powdered erythromycin phosphate (80% active) was used to make the injectable stock solution. All spring chinook were transported to the hatchery after being injected, checked for injuries, and measured to the nearest centimeter fork length. Scale samples were taken from approximately 200 spring chinook.

Throughout the trapping period, injuries totaling 773 were documented. These injuries were comprised of 62 gaff wounds, 225 nitrogen burns, 298 gill net scars, and 188 injuries of unknown origin. All injuries were treated with a direct application of fungicide to help reduce prespawning mortality. There were 11 trapping/handling mortalities recorded during this season (9 adult males, and 2 females).

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Snouts from 205 adipose-clipped coded wire-tagged fish were collected and sent to Lewiston this year. Coded wire tags were found in 3 of the jacks, 182 of the four-year-olds, and 20 of the five-year-old fish. These fish were tagged as part of the US/Canada agreement to determine Idaho's contribution to the ocean harvest.

## Hells Canyon Spring Chinook Returns

No spring chinook were transported from the IPC Oxbow/Hells Canyon project this year. Data pertaining to the spring chinook run below Hells Canyon Dam is available in the annual report from the Oxbow Hatchery.

## Inventory of Miscellaneous Species

All salmon entering the trap after August 2, 1990 were classified as summer chinook, except for adipose clipped fish. A total of 138 summer chinook (137 adults and 1 jack) entered the Rapid River trap from July 24 through September 5, 1990 (Table 4). The sex composition ratio was 76 adult males (55.1%), 61 females (44.2%), and 1 jack (0.7%). These fish were measured to the nearest centimeter fork length and released back into Rapid River upstream from the hatchery water intake structure. Scale samples were taken from all summer chinook trapped.

From April 5 through June 10, 1990, 135 adult steelhead were trapped and measured to the nearest centimeter fork length. Of the total, 117 were wild fish and 18 were of hatchery origin. The sex composition ratio was 43 adult males and 74 females of wild origin, and 9 adult males and 9 females of hatchery origin. The hatchery fish were transported to the Little Salmon River and released approximately one mile upstream from the confluence with Rapid River. All of the wild steelhead were transported and released back into Rapid River upstream from the hatchery water intake structure. Scale samples were taken from all wild steelhead.

Other species trapped included 255 bull trout <u>Salvelinus</u> confluentus ranging in size from 20 to 61 cm total length, 4 whitefish <u>Coregonus</u> spp, and 3 cutthroat trout <u>Oncorhynchus</u> <u>clarki</u>. These fish were also transported and returned to Rapid River upstream from the hatchery water intake structure.

#### HARVEST DATA/SPORT AND INDIAN FISHERY

Spring chinook salmon were available for sport and Nez Perce Tribal fisheries during 1990. Creel census data indicated that 579 salmon were taken by the sport fishery and 965 by the Nez Perce Tribe.

#### PRESPAWNINO MORTALITY

A total of 2,587 spring chinook salmon were held at Rapid River Hatchery this year. This total does not include 11 trap mortalities or 8 uninjected fish sent to the University of Idaho for erythromycin experiments on June 6, 1990. All of these chinook were trapped in Rapid River, with no chinook coming from Hells Canyon. All fish were held in Adult Holding Pond 2.

Table 3. Water quality analysis, Rapid River, March 1989.

Parameter	Suggested range	Observed level
Alkalinity as CaCO3	10 - 400	62.0
Dissolved Oxygen	5.0 - saturation	13.0
Ammonia (NH3)	< 0.0125	0.003
рН	6.5 - 8.0	7.3
Total Hardness as CaCO3	10 - 400	74.0
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Table 4. Inventory of miscellaneous species.

S <sup>p</sup> ecies	Number Trapped
Summer Chinook	138
*Steelhead	135
Bull Trout	255
Whitefish	4
Cutthroat Trout	3

<sup>\*</sup> Specific data is listed in Table 5.

Prespawning mortality in 1990 was 330 fish (12.7%). BKD lesions were visible on 12 of these fish, accounting for 3.6% of the prespawning mortalities. The prespawning loss sex ratio was comprised of 156 adult males (47.3%), 173 females (52.4%), and 1 jack (0.3%). The cut-off date used for segregating male prespawning mortality was August 27.

Formalin treatments on ponded chinook were conducted from June 4 through August 20 to help control fungus. Treatments with formalin were done three alternating days each week at a concentration of 80--100 ppm. These treatments were very effective in reducing fungal problems. *Throughout* the holding/spawning period water temperatures ranged from 39 to  $61^{\circ}F$  (Table 5).

#### CHINOOK SPAWNING

During 1990, 1,063 female spring chinook were spawned to produce approximately 4,217,103 green eggs which had an average eye-up rate of 92.54%. Females averaged 3,967 eggs throughout the spawning season. Egg collection began on August 14 and was completed on September 11, 1990. During this time, a total of 19 females were destroyed prior to spawning due to poor egg quality, bloody ovarian fluid, symptoms of BKD, etc.

Spawning procedures used in 1990 were conducted to insure a 1:1 ratio of males to females. Spawning methodology started with placing the eggs from two females into a colander to drain off ovarian fluid. The eggs were then transferred to a bucket, fertilized with milt expressed from two males, and then mixed with approximately one cup of well water to activate the sperm. In spawning, 39 of the jacks collected were used at random in the fertilization process. Each bucket of eggs were then water-hardened for 30 minutes in a minimum 100 ppm stock solution of buffered Argentyne. Heath vertical stack incubators were used for incubation.

## CARCASS DISPOSITION

All non-salvageable carcasses from spawning and daily mortalities were collected twice a week and hauled to a landfill near Grangeville, Idaho, by the Walco Company. A total of 11 salvageable uninjected trapping mortalities were donated to the Riggins food bank on September 14, 1990. Additionally, 8 uninjected adult spring chinook were provided to the University of Idaho for continued experiments with erythromycin.

#### EGG INCUBATION

Beginning on the fourth day of incubation, all egg lots were treated with formalin to minimize fungal development. Treatments were administered three times per week at a 1:600 concentration (1,667 ppm) for 15 minutes and continued until each egg lot accumulated 800 thermal units (TU's).

Eye-up occurred at approximately 500 TU's, at which time all egg lots were shocked and picked using the salt bath flotation method. Volumetric displacement was then used to determine mean egg size and enumerate the eggs. Egg trays were "rodded" weekly after eye-up to remove silt accumulations.

Hatching occurred at approximately 1,000 TU's, at which time all egg lots were picked a second time. All trays were picked a third time when 1,500 TU's had been accumulated to remove any dead yolk-sac fry. Swim-up fry were

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transferred to the early rearing raceways at 1,700 to 1,900 TU's. Survival from green eggs to swim-up fry averaged 90.76% (Table 6).

Surplus eyed eggs from Lots 6 and 7, totaling approximately 200,000, were shipped to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery on October 10, 1990.

#### FISH PRODUCTION

#### Early Rearing

During the period of January 30 through March 4, 1991, approximately 3,641,000 fry were moved out of the incubation building into rearing raceways. Average size at the time of transfer was 1,445 fish per pound. Initial loading densities ranged from 452,135 to 458,395 fish per raceway, with an initial water depth of 1.5 feet and water inflow of 0.9 cfs. As fish size increased, water depth and flows were adjusted to a maximum depth of 3 feet and flow of 1.5 cfs. Density and flow indices were kept below 0.5 and 1.5, respectively, throughout the initial rearing period. Fry size increased to an average size of 2.33 inches (239.74 fish per pound), with a feed conversion of 0.95 during the raceway rearing period.

From March 1 to May 21, 1990, a feed experiment was conducted in the raceways to evaluate fish response to, and resulting conversions from, utilizing BioDry feed in place of BioDiet (semi-moist) feed. Resulting data obtained demonstrated that comparable conversions could be realized using either diet formulation (0.92 BioDiet verses 0.91 BioDry). Average cost of the BioDry diet was significantly lower throughout the course of this experiment (\$0.719/lb BioDiet verses \$0.493/lb BioDry). Some modifications of the automatic feeders was required to utilize the BioDry feed formulation. BioDry diet was not recommended by the manufacturer to be used when medicaments were added (such as gallimycin). It is felt that BioDry diet should be studied in the future, during final rearing, as it would be more conducive to withstanding high air temperatures experienced at the hatchery during the summer months.

## Final Rearing

Brood year 1990 fingerlings, totaling approximately 3,185,000 fish, were transferred from the raceways to the final rearing ponds from May 20 through June 13, 1990. Initial pond loading densities are presented in Table 7. Prior to ponding fish, rearing ponds were disinfected with a 200 ppm chlorine bath. The overall feed conversion for brood year 1990 fish was 1.51 at time of release.

#### Feed Use and Conversion Data

A total of 224,324 pounds of BioProducts feed was used for 1990 brood year fish and fry transfers. This total is comprised of 3,696 pounds of BioDiet feed and 220,628 pounds of BioMoist feed. Specific data on feed types and sizes used is listed in Appendix 3 of this report. The overall feed conversion for 1990 brood year fish was 1.51.

Total costs paid by Idaho Power Company to operate Rapid River Hatchery during the period September 1, 1990 through March 31, 1992 was \$580,728. These costs include fish feed, smolt transportation, fish marking, hatchery personnel salaries, and operation/maintenance costs. No capital outlay expenditures are

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Table 5. Average water temperatures, May through September, 1990.

Month	Maximum	Minimum	Average
May	52	39	46.7
June	58	40	48.5
July	60	47	54.2
August	61	50	54.8
September	60	48	52.1

Table 6. Survival from green eggs to swim-up fry, Brood Year 1990.

Green	Eyed	Percent	Swim-up	% Survival
Eggs	Eggs	Eye-up	Fry	to Swim-up
4,217,103	3,902,385	92.54	*3,646,017	*90.76

 $<sup>\ ^{\</sup>star}$  Swim-up totals do not include 200,000 eyed eggs transferred to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery.

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<sup>\*</sup> A total of 200,000 eyed eggs from lots 6 and 7 (100,000 each) were sent to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery on October 10, 1990.

included in this total. The resulting cost per pound of 1990 brood year fish produced at Rapid River Hatchery was \$4.09/lb (\$0.186 per smolt released).

#### FISH HEALTH

The 1990 juvenile fish reared at Rapid River Hatchery appeared to be healthy through the summer of 1991. During this early rearing period, two medicated feedings of erythromycin were applied for 14 days each.

As the water temperatures dropped in the fall, the incidence of "fuzzy tail" increased. Upon inspection by necropsy, virtually 100% of the moribund fish were showing internal lesions (kidney abscesses) consistent with BKD Renibacterium salmoninarum and external lesions consistent with coldwater disease (CWD) Flexibacter psvchrophilus. At this time, the water temperatures were too cold to administer antibiotic therapy. During the course of the fall, winter, and early spring, Rapid River lost approximately 150,000 spring chinook to "fuzzy tail" syndrome. Preliberation samples and organosomatic analysis revealed a portion of the population infected with BKD (Table 8). Most parameters showed that these were normal fish. Strategies will be developed to improve eyes and gill (frayed) quality. ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay) for BKD showed that six pools (10 fish/pool) were positive out of six pools taken (100%). Three pools had optical densities that were considered high and three pools in the low range.

Rapid River has the potential to improve fish health quality by several actions. As soon as an INAD is available for injecting oxytetracycline into adult chinook, a program to combat prespawning mortality should be implemented utilizing an intraperitoneal route. Oxytetracycline medicated feed should be administered in prophylactic feedings at least twice a growing season. This should help lessen the "fuzzy tail" problem. Erythromycin feeding protocols will be analyzed to provide Rapid River spring chinook the best possible protection. In the near future, either a BKD segregation program or a BKD cull program should be implemented.

All of these fish health related programs should produce a healthier fish by release and a better survival rate to Lower Granite Dam. Each project should be set-up correctly and analyzed thoroughly to ascertain the benefits of each hatchery protocol.

## FISH MARKING/CWT DATA

A portion of the 1990 brood inventory was marked between October 21-26, 1991 in accordance with the US/Canada treaty. These fish will serve as one of the indicators of Idaho's contribution to salmon ocean harvest. Coded wire tags, freeze brands, and passively induced transponders (PIT tags) were used during this project. Overall marking efficiency was 97.54%. Specific tag/release data is presented in Appendix 9.

#### FISH DISTRIBUTION

#### Egg Transfers

On October 10, 1990, 200,000 excess eyed eggs from two Lots were transferred to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery. These eggs were enumerated by volumetric displacement and shipped at 613 and 681 TU's.

Table 7. Initial pond loading densities, June 1991.

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Pond	Inflow (cfs)	Millions of fish	Fish per pound	Density index	Flow index
1AB	14.08	1.2	255.03	0.04	0.36
2AB	5.17	1.0	225.58	0.05	0.81
2CD	6.08	1.0	235.40	0.04	0.63

Table 8. Eagle Health Lab disease sample results for brood year 1990 spring chinook.

Case #	Sample Date	Resulting Data
Juvenile samples		
91-57	3/19/91	0/1 viro, 0/4 bacte
91-84	4/ 9/91	0/6 ectoparasites
91-139 91-172	5/ 7/91 6/ 3/91	0/1 BKD, 0/8 bacte 0/1 BKD, 0/4 bacte
91-207	7/11/91	0/6 BKD, 0/4 bacte, 0/60 PW, 0/6 viro
91-221	8/ 6/91	0/1 viro, BKD, PKX
92-14	1/21/92	0/5 viro
92-43	2/19/92	BKD FAT 3/60, 0/60 viro
Brood Samples		
92-255	9/ 3/91	PC: 1/2 pools+, FIBS 0/60, BKD 58/60 (ELISA) 9 high 18 mod, 31 low

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## Fingerlinq Transfers

On June 13, 1991, approximately 403,400 surplus fry were transferred to Sawtooth Hatchery. At the time of transfer, these fish averaged 201.78 fish per pound. Fish were transported at a density of 0.34 pounds per gallon. Specific transfer data is presented in Table 9.

#### Smolt Releases

Volitional smolt releases from Rapid River Hatchery began on March 16, 1992, at which time smolts averaged 22.0 fish per pound (121.8 mm fork length). Rearing densities for smolts at time of release is listed in Table 10.

Based on visual observations made, it is estimated that less than 100,000 fish remained in the rearing ponds by March 30, 1992. Smolts after this date were actively seined out of the ponds. The last few thousand fish were netted from pond 1 and pond 2 when they were dewatered on April 7 and 15, respectively. Final pound counts from pond 1 and pond 2, prior to seining fish from the ponds, indicated that they had grown to 17.11 fish per pound (132.5 mm fork length) and 21.56 fish per pound (123.5 mm fork length), respectively. Planting sites and numerical data for brood year 1990 smolts is presented in Table 11.

Idaho Power Company transport tankers outplanted Rapid River stock, numbering 500,500 smolts, into the Snake River directly below Hells Canyon Dam during March 17-19, 1992. These fish averaged 22.69 fish per pound at a fork length size of 137.9 mm. Included in this release was a group of approximately 52,250 marked fish. Marks used included coded wire tags and PIT tags (Appendix 9).

Table 9. Egg and fingerling transfers from Rapid River Hatchery, Brood Year 1990.

Date	Transfer Site	Number Transferred	Size	Total Length (in)
10/10/90	Lookinglass Hatchery	200,000	4.46 egg/ml	
06/13/91	Sawtooth Hatchery	403,400	201.78 fish/lb	2.41

Table 10. Rearing densities at time of smolt release, March 1992.

Pond	Inflow (cfs)	Millions of fish	Fish per pound	Density index	Flow index
1AB	14.21	1.036	20.32	0.16	1.48
2AB	6.04	0.986	22.69	0.20	3.07
2CD	5.43	0.986	23.13	0.20	3.37
2B Catch	6.04	0.055	21.50	0.12	0.18
2C Catch	5.43	0.062	21.50	0.14	0.22

Table 11. Smolt releases, Brood Year 1990.

Date	Plant site	Number released	Fish per pound
Snake River			
03-17-92 03-17-92 03-18-92 03-19-92	Below Hells Canyon Dam Below Hells Canyon Dam Below Hells Canyon Dam Below Hells Canyon Dam	53,900 147,100 204,200 95,300	20.3 24.9 22.7 22.7
Subtotal		500,500	
Rapid River			
03-16-92 03-16-92 03-31-92 03-31-92	Volitional Release Pond 1 Volitional Release Pond 2 Fish Flushed Pond 1 Fish Flushed Pond 2	993,701 1,142,520 103,550 375,729	20.3 23.0 20.3 23.0
Subtotal		2,615,500	
HATCHERY TOTAL		3,116,000	

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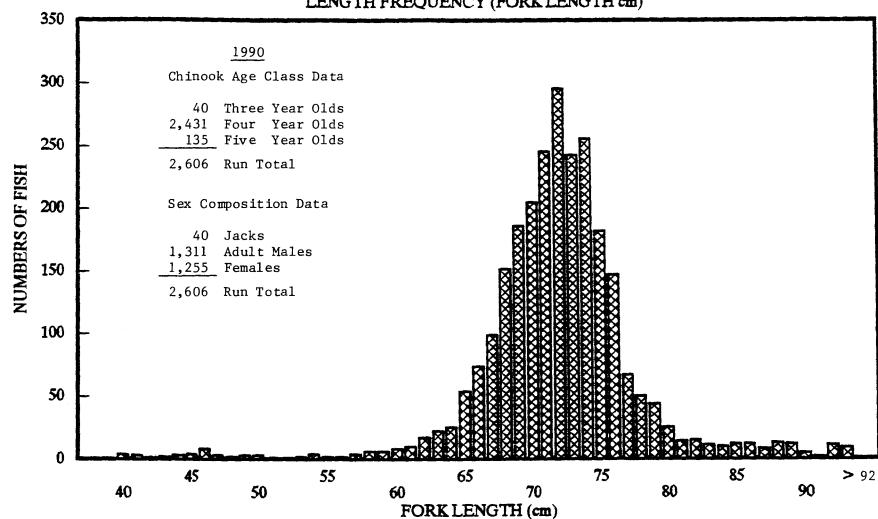
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Appendix 1. Fork length data for the 1990 Rapid River spring chinook run.

Fork Length	Number of	Fork Length	Number of
(cm.)	Fish	(cm.)	Fish
Less than 40	0	80	25
40	4	81	14
41	3	82	15
42	1	83	11
43	2	84	10
44	3	85	12
45	4	86	12
46	8	87	8
47	3	88	13
48	2	89	12
49	3	90	5
50	3	91	2
51	1	92	11
52	1	Greater than 92	9
53	2		0.606
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36	O	40 Jacks	
59	6	10 Uacks	
60	8	1,311 Adult Males	
61	10	1,255 Females	
62	17	2,606 Run Total	
63	22	_,	
64	25		
65	54	Chinook Age Class	Data
66	74	0111110011 1190 01000	20.00
		40 Three Year	Olds
67	99		
68	152	2,431 Four Year	Olds
69	186	135 Five Year	
70	205	2,606 Run Total	
71	246		
72	296		
73	243	Age Determination	Structure
74	256		
		0 - 53 cm = Three	Year Old
75	182		
76	147	54 - 80 cm = Four	Year Old
77	67	81 - > cm = Five	Year Old
78	50		
79	44		

## LENGTH FREQUENCY (FORK LENGTH cm)



Appendix 2. Spring chinook length frequency, 1990.

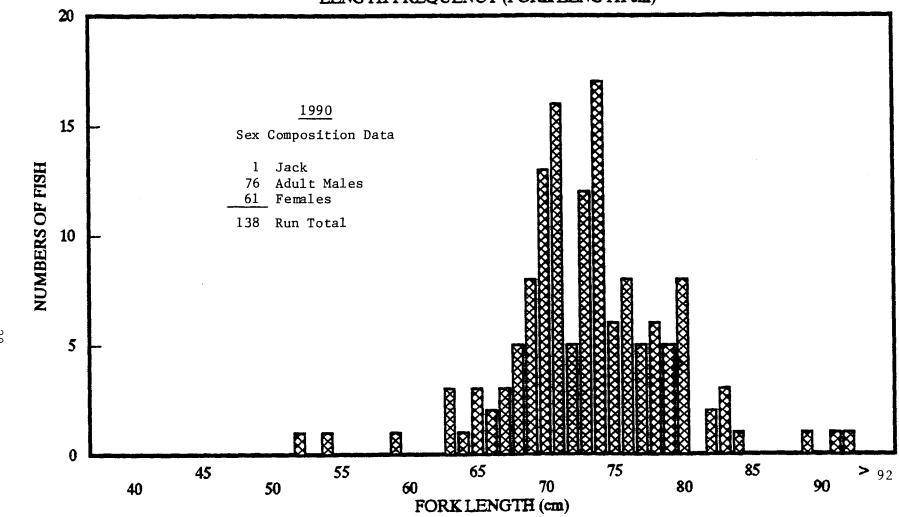
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Appendix 3. Fork length data for the 1990 Rapid River summer chinook run.

Fork Length (cm.1	Number of Fish	Fork Length (cm.1	Number Fish
Less than 40	0	80	8
40	0	81	0
41	0	82	2
42	0	83	3
43	0	84	1
44	0	85	0
45	0	86	0
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48	0	89	1
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50	0	91	1
51	0	92	1
52 53	1 0	Greater than 92	0
53 54	1	Run Total	138
55	0		
56	0		
57	0	Sex Composition Data	
58	0	1 Jacks	
59	1	1 Jacks	
60	0	76 Adult Males	
61	Ö	61 Females	
62	0	138 Run Total	
63	3		
64	1		
65 66	3 2		
67	3		
68	5		
69	8		
70	13		
71	16		
72	5		
73	12		
74 75	17 6		
75 76	8		
70 77	5		
78	6		
79	5		

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LENGTH FREQUENCY (FORK LENGTH cm)



Appendix 4. Summer chinook length frequency, 1990.

Appendix 5. Rapid River adult steelhead length frequency data, 1990.

Fork Length		v Origin		Origin
(cm)	Male	Female	Male	Female
53 54 55 56 57 58 59	1	1	1	
60 61 62	4	1		1 2 2
63 64 65 66 67 68 69	1 1	2	2 1 1 4 1	1 1 1 2
70 71 72 73 74 75 76	1	1	1 2 2 3 2	3 4 2 7 9
78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85	1	1 1	2 2 1 1 3 1 5 2	9 4 2 1 2
87 88 89 90 91 92			2	
SUBTOTALS TOTALS (MALE	9 & FEMALE)	9 18	43	74 117

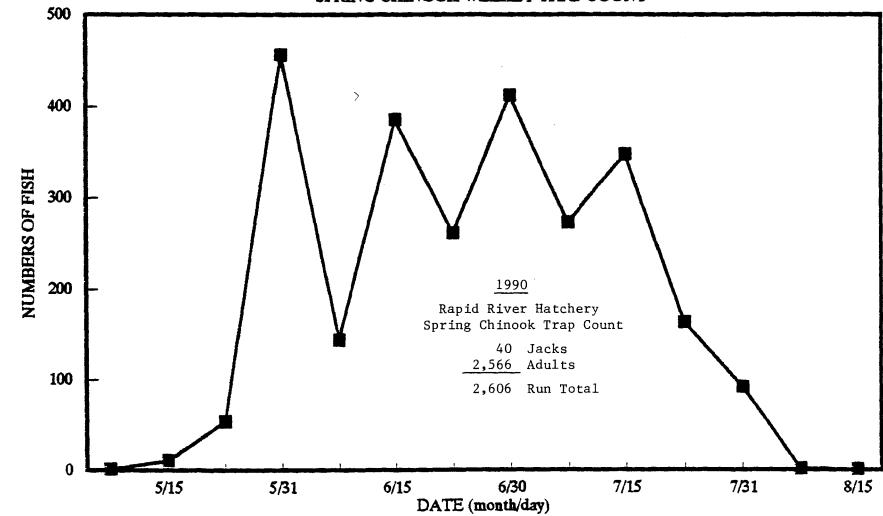
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Appendix 6. Run timing of spring chinook to the Rapid River trap, 1990.

DATE	NUMBERS OF FISH	% OF TOTAL RUN
MAY 1 - 7	2	0.08
8 - 15	11	0.42
16 - 22	54	2.07
23 - 31	457	17.54
JUNE 1 - 7	144	5.53
8 - 15	386	14.81
16 - 22	261	10.02
23 - 30	412	15.81
JULY 1 - 7	273	10.48
8 - 15	348	13.35
16 - 22	163	6.25
23 - 31	92	3.53
AUG. 1 - 7	2	0.08
8 - 15	1	0.04
RUN TOTAL	2,606	

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Appendix 7. Run timing of spring chinook returns to Rapid River, 1990.

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Appendix 8. Spring chinook egg take information, Brood Year 1990.

Lot	Date Spawned	Number Females	Green Eaas	Eggs per Female	Number Eved	Percent Eve-up	Second Pick	Eggs/Fry Remaining
1	08/14	4	17,250	4,313	14,875	86.23	141	14,734
2	08/21	36	145,797	4,050	133,515	91.58	960	132,555
3	08/24	136	532,247	3,914	499,797	93.90	7,796	492,001
4	08/28	387	1,571,861	4,062	1,465,388	93.23	17,628	1,447,760
5	08/31	292	1,105,274	3,785	1,032,735	93.44	21,104	1,011,631
*6	09/04	160	656,938	4,106	589,838	89.79	7,714	482,124
*7	09/07	38	158,886	4,181	141,737	89.21	510	41,227
8	09/11	10	28,850	2,885	24,500	84.92	515	23,985
Totals	::	1,063	4,217,103	3,967	3,902,385	92.54	56,368	3,646,017

<sup>\*</sup>A total of 200,000 eyed eggs from lots 6 and 7 (100,000 each) were sent to Oregon's Lookingglass Hatchery on October 16, 1990.

Appendix 9. Marking/release summary, Brood Year 1990.

Date	Released	Tag type	Tag code	Tags released	Site released
3/17	3/31/92	CWT	10/35/01	66,905	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	CWT	10/35/02	66,741	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	CWT	10/35/03	60,448	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	CWT	10/35/04	65,906	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	CWT	10/35/03	19,858	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	& FB CWT	RA-R-1 10/35/03	19,536	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	& FB CWT	RA-R-2 10/35/03	21,842	Rapid River
3/17	3/31/92	& FB PIT	RA-R-3	279	Rapid River
3/17/92		CWT	10/35/05	51,981	Hells Canyon
3/17/92		PIT		268	Hells Canyon
Total				373,764	

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Appendix 10. Feed and growth information based on data for spring chinook salmon at Rapid River Hatchery, 1980-1990. Ave Ave Ave. Number Ave. water daily Monthly X body feeding f/lb length lengt temp Density Flow Feed Hatchery length Condition weight per at end of at end month (F) index index inc'. inc. factor month Month conv. constant fed day Feb 38 n/a n/a 3.00 1.98 0.0022 0.07 0.00026 1.42 8 1,084 1.53 41 0.25 0.54 0.0073 0.22 0.11128 1.89 8 1.62 Mar 1.30 2.85 847

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1.95 \*Growth data may vary during periods of high water.

Appendix 11. Returns of spring chinook to Rapid River Hatchery, and enumeration of eggs, 1964-1991.

Return year	Snake River return (adults)	Rapid River return (adults)	Rapid River return (jacks)	Percent prespawn mortality	Females spawned	Eggs/ female	Number of eggs taken
1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988	349 408 1,511 974 351 672 673 360 534 381 86	3,416 2,817 6,470 3,357 12,310 17,054 3,457 4,428 6,342 7,767 5,735 3,054 1,528 3,087 3,646 1,864 1,705 6,376 6,546 3,808 3,608 2,372	1,039 740 1,043 887 1,754 943 286 538 573 1,765 437 34 350 432 176 30 94 651 351 177 210 172 428	16 21 18 11 2 8 10 19 15 37 27 7 15 11 21 31 30 7 11 15 7 8 34 30 19	182 133 621 581 1,809 1,415 3,520 1,722 3,825 3,454 1,756 2,184 3,055 3,781 2,350 1,141 543 1,666 1,883 859 821 2,962 2,451 1,133 1,645 1,082	4.874 4,541 3,697 3,537 3,671 3,655 4,136 3,507 3,941 3,991 3,991 3,912 3,924 3,745 4,266 4,950 3,235 3,675 3,973 4,015 3,807 3,741 4,355 4,379 4,879 4,139	887.000 604,000 2,296,000 2,055,000 6,540,000 5,151,697 14,560,280 6,038,785 15,072,604 13,510,465 6,890,186 8,503,606 11,492,878 14,160,330 10,026,888 5,648,722 1,756,827 6,122,273 7,482,330 3,449,471 3,125,911 11,535,461* 10,673,138* 5,656,145* 7,905,702* 4,478,045*
1990 1991		2,566 1,675	40 238	13 10	1,063 657	3,967 3,886	4,217,103 2,553,218

<sup>\*</sup> Includes eggs taken from Hells Canyon adults.

Appendix 12. Summary of spring chinook returns to Rapid River by brood year.

Brood year	Year released	Number released	3-yr olds	Year returned	4-yr olds	Year returned	5-yr olds	Year returned	Total brood year return	Percent return from plant
1964	1966	588,000	1,309	1967	3,422	1968	197	1969	4,658	0.80
1965	1967	479,267	740	1968	2,620	1969	874	1970	4,234	0.89
1966	1968	1,460,150	1,043	1969	5,596	1970	364	1971	7,003	0.48
1967	1969	900,192	887	1970	2,992	1971	1,544	1972	5,416	0.60
1968	1970	3,172,000	1,754	1971	10,766	1972	4,403	1973	16,923	0.53
1969	1971	2,718,720	943	1972	12,654	1973	1,759	1974	15,356	0.56
1970	1972	2,809,200	285	1973	1,698	1974	386	1975	2,370	0.08
1971	1973	2,908,425	538	1974	4,206	1975	1,120	1976	5,864	0.20
1972	1974	2,707,917	573	1975	5,222	1976	634	1977	6,429	0.24
1973	1975	3,373,700	1,765	1976	7,110	1977	1,845	1978	10,720	0.32
1974	1976	3,358,940	437	1977	3,890	1978	2,413	1979	6,740	0.20
1975	1977	2,921,172	34	1978	598	1979	46	1980	678	0.02
1976	1978	2,413,678	350	1979	1,482	1980	146	1981	1,978	0.08
1977	1979	2,866,993	432	1980	,068	1981	557	1982	4,057	0.14
1978	1980	2,604,823	176	1981	3,089	1982	1,206	1983	4,291	0.16
1979	1981	2,372,607	30	1982	838	1983	356	1984	1,224	0.05
1980	1982	1,473,733	94	1983	1,349	1984	199	1985	1,642	0.11
1981	1983	2,998,103	651	1984	6,177	1985	1,456	1986	8,284	0.28

Appendix 12. Continued.

Brood year	Year released	Number released	3-yr olds	Year returned	4-yr olds	Year returned	5-yr olds	Year returned	Total brood year return	Percent return from plant
1982	1984	3,2,46,197	351	1985	5,0990	1986	1,155	19987	6,596	0.20
1983	1985	2,491,238	177	1986	2,444	1987	1,557	1988	4,178	0.17
1984	1986	1,594,688	210	1987	2,051	1988	379	1989	2,640	0.17
1985	1987	2,836,400	172	1988	1,933	1989	135	1990	2,300	0.08
1986	1988	2,630,200	428	1989	2,431	1990	421	1991	3,280	0.12
1987	1989	2,319,500	40	1990	1,254	1991	161	1992	1,455	0.06
1988	1990	2,770,400	238	1991	2,209	1992		1993		
1989	1991	2,675,000	%	1992		1993		1994		
1990	1992	2,615,500		1993		1994		1995		

Appendix 13. Rapid River Hatchery feed use data, Brood Year 1990.

Feed Size	Туре	Pounds
No. 2 Starter	BioDiet	968
No. 3 Starter	BioDiet	2,728
1.0 mm (1/32")	Galli Med	3,408
1.3 mm (3/32")	BioMoist	6,900
1.5 mm (1/16")	BioMoist	17,100
2.5 mm (3/32")	BioMoist	46,500
3.0 mm (1/8 ")	BioMoist Ery Med	127,920 18,800
HATCHERY TOTAL		*224,324

<sup>\*</sup> This number represents the entire amount of feed purchased for Rapid River Hatchery brood year 1990 production and for stock reared at Rapid River Hatchery and outplanted as fry/fingerling releases.

Appendix 14. Summary of eggs, fry, fingerlings, and smolts planted from Rapid River Hatchery 1964-1992.

Brood Year	No. Eggs Taken	Egg, Fry Plants & Site		Smolt Plants & Site		Fish/ Pound	
1964	887,000	None			588,000	Rapid River	22.6
1965	604,000	None			479,267	Rapid River	23.2
1966	2,296,000	None			1,460,150	Rapid River	25.0
1967	2,055,000	None			900,192	Rapid River	24.0
1968	6,540,000	757,376	eggs,	Clearwater Hatchery Chan	3,172,000	Rapid River	20.0
1969	5,171,697	497,000	eggs,	Dworshak NFH to start Kooskia NFH	2,718,720	Rapid River	21.0
1970	14,560,280	4,417,454 2,224 526,516 2,473,983 4,607,736 200,520 353,970 100,000	eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, fry, fry,	Sweetwater Eye Stat. Kooskia NFH Hayden Ck. Hatchery Clearwater Hatchery Chan Rapid River Hatchery Lemhi River Decker Pond Sandpoint Hatchery	2,809,200 91,800	Rapid River Lochsa River	19.4
1971	6,038,785	600,000	eggs,	Hayden Ck. Hatchery	197,303	SF Clearwater	
		53,562 104,300 29,800 44,700 14,900 59,600 44,700 61,500 60,000 200,880 401,305	fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Lemhi River Red River Ten Mile Creek American River Papoose Creek Brushy Creek Fish Creek Post Office Creek Squaw Creek (Lochsa) Lochsa River Ten Mile Creek Sandpoint Hatchery Decker Pond	2,908,425	River Rapid River	17.0
1972	15,072,604	5,256,662 3,012,358 1,293,592 4,878,017	eggs, eggs, e <sup>ggs</sup> , e <sup>ggs</sup> ,	Sweetwater Eye Stat Hayden Creek Hatchery Red River H Chan Rapid River Hatchery	2,707,917	Rapid River	17.5
1973	13,510,464	3,915,900 1,295,424 104,760 502,200 702,000 806,400 504,000 210,734 206,360 88,480 18,200 633,000 10,428	eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Sweetwater Eye Stat. Hayden Creek Hatchery Hagerman Hatchery Crooked River H Chan Kooskia NFH Hayden Creek Hatchery Minnesota-walleye trade Sandpoint Hatchery Kooskia Hatchery Ten Mile Creek Newsome Creek Lemhi River Capehorn Creek	117,000 3,373,700	SF Clearwater Rapid River	14.8
1974	6,890,186	809,400 407,012 5,203,273 203,500 21,840 59,962 30,750 10,250 1,140,300	eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Hayden Creek Hatchery Indian Creek Rapid R.Hatchery Sandpoint Hatchery Capehorn Creek Red River Newsome Creek Ten Mite Creek Lemhi River	205,700 3,358,940	SF Clearwater Rapid River	18.4

Appendix 14. Continued.

Brood Year	No. Eggs Taken	Ego. Fry Plants & Site		Smolt Plants & Site		Fish/ Pound	
1975	8,503,606	2,363,200 252,200 255,000 280,659 4,906,492 34,000 156,000 65,960 412,800 209,950 36,143	eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Sweetwater Eye Stat Mullen Hatchery Hayden Creek Hatchery Indian Creek H Chan Rapid River Hatchery Ten Mile Creek Lemhi River SF Clearwater River Decker Pond Sandpoint Hatchery Bear Valley Creek	249,750 2,921,172	SF Clearwater Rapid River	15.9
1976	11,492,878	1,161,608 2,937,994 261,900 261,900 1,267,208 5,009,482 47,008 311,850 104,500 501,600 80,600	eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Mullen Hatchery Sweetwater Eye Stet. Hayden Creek Hatchery Sandpoint Hatchery Mackay Hatchery Rapid River Hatchery Univ of Idaho, Fish Coop. Mackay Hatchery Lolo Creek Red River Pond SF Clearwater River	2,413,678	Rapid River	15.7
1977	14,160,330	2,633,400 2,287,800 2,689,000 288,000 20,700 1,007,340 5,098,587 723,000 50,800 200,025 265,600	eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry,	Sweetwater Eye Stat. Kooskia NFH Mullen Hatchery Hayden Creek Hatchery Univ of Idaho Crooked River H Chan Rapid River Hatchery Mackay Hatchery Decker Pond Red River Pond Lemhi River	2,866,993 156,362 44,373	Rapid River White Sand Newsome Creek	15.0
1978	10,026,888	767,322 970,728 1,540,282 706,936 38,160 10,864 1,250,010 249,969 232,500 10,000	e99s, e99s, fry, fry,	Hayden Creek Hatchery Mackay Hatchery Sweetwater Eye Stet. Dworshak NFH Univ of Idaho Univ of Idaho (Hayden Ck.) Crooked River H than Sweetwater Eye Stet. Red River Pond Ten Mile Creek	57,440 2,604,823	White Sand Rapid River	15.0
1979	5,646,722	806,400 330,880 293,249	∘99s. fry,	Hayden Creek Hatchery Dworshak NFH Red River Pond	1,001,700 2,372,607	Snake River Rapid River	21.0 17.9
1980	1,756,827	None			1,473,733	Rapid River	28.0
1981	6,122,273	608,384 256,608 449,280 4,409,036	eggs, eggs, e <sup>gg</sup> s, eggs,	Pahsimeroi Hatchery Oxbow Hatchery Dworshak NFH Rapid River Hatchery	250,020 2,998,103	Snake River Rapid River	27.0 22.0
1982	7,420,450	493,346 1,332,000 375,028 125,055 4,614,863 306,000	eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs, eggs,	Lookingglass (Ore) Pahsimeroi Hatchery Dworshak NFH Hagerman NFH Rapid River Hatchery Red River Pond	500,850 3,246,197	Snake River Rapid River	27.0 20.0
1983	3,449,471	None			437,360 2,491,238	Snake River Rapid River	27.0 23.0

Appendix 14. Continued.

Brood Year	No. Eggs Taken		Ego. Fr	y Plants &	Smolt Plar	nts & Site	Fish/ Pound
1984	3,125,911(R 217,181(Re		fry,	Red River	140,000 136,800 1,594,688	Snake River Red River Rapid River	20.0 30.0 22.0
1985	11,535,461	497,520 3,668,000 2,450,907 100,590 349,650 200,158 55,123 144,443 70,282 49,437 102,282 115,352	eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry	Oregon Dworshak NFH Sawtooth Hatchery Boulder Creek Crooked River Eldorado Creek Hopeful Creek Crooked Fork White Sands Creek Ten Mile Creek Newsome Creek Brushy Fork	103,000 2,836,400	Snake River Rapid River	31.1 22.5
1986	10,673,138	2,368,400 712,905 7,591,833 348,600 202,400 98,000 238,900	eggs, eggs, eggs, fry, fry, fry,	Dworshak NFH Sawtooth Hatchery Rapid River Hatchery Crooked Fork White Sand Creek Big Flat Creek Red River Pond	400,600 2,630,200	Snake River Rapid River	19.8 19.2
1987	5,656,145	30,000 103,800 53,200 137,800 62,200 108,300 72,200 19,500 113,800 112,100 100,100 200,100 50,100 202,000 150,100 100,200	fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Little Salmon River Lolo Creek El Dorado Creek Crooked Fork Creek Hopeful Creek White Sand Creek Big Flat Creek White Sand Creek American River Newsome Creek Meadow Creek Crooked River Red River Yankee Fork Brushy Fork Ten Mite Creek White Sand Creek	500,000 2,319,500	Snake River Rapid River	20.0 22.0
1988	7,881,379	1,475,677 149,570 100,278 149,570 100,278 101,062 100,862 100,628	eggs, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Oregon F&G Little Salmon River Ten Mile Creek Little Salmon River Ten Mile Creek Crooked River Crooked River Newsome Creek	551,200 250,000 2,520,400	Snake River L. Salmon Rapid River	30.0 27.8 26.0
1988		100,299 100,342 100,097 195,398 99,919 100,148 99,401 51,369 39,163	fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry, fry,	Boulder Creek Boulder Creek Newsome Creek Brushy Fork White Sands Creek White Sands Creek American River American River Meadow Creek			
1989	3,925,585	211,209 548,876	fry, fry,	Crooked River Sawtooth Hatchery	500,500 100,100 2,564,900	Snake River L. Salmon Rapid River	22.5 22.5 24.2
1990	4,217,103	200,000 403,400	eggs, fry,	Lookingglass Hatch. Sawtooth Hatchery	500,500 2,615,500	Snake River Rapid River	20.3

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